

REMARKS

In response to a Restriction Requirement under 37 CFR 1.499, the Applicant herewith elects Group II claims drawn to a concrete shell system for prosecution at the present time without traverse. Accordingly, claims 1-9 have been cancelled. In addition, to more clearly define the present invention, claim 10 has been amended and new claims 11-19 added.

The present claims define a concrete shell system including turnbuckle devices that are arrayed along a straight line and wedges which are positioned inclined toward the straight line in order to avoid collisions of the wedges of neighboring turnbuckle devices as the wedges are advanced or driven out. Support for this amendment appears in the original specification on page 17, last paragraph. In addition, the wedge guiding direction encloses an angle α' with the plane of the shell skins according to $0^\circ \leq \alpha' < 10^\circ$ as described on page 7, last paragraph of the specification.

The Applicants submits that the shell system of DE 35 45 273 A1 does not anticipate or make obvious the claims as amended.

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